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Serial No. 09/624,098
Mario Tenuta et al

Would you kindly see that the attached response to a Restriction Requirement which has a due date of October 26, 2001 is brought to the attention of Examiner D. Naff.

Thank you for your attention to the above.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MARIO TENUTA ET AL.

Serial No. 09/624,098

Art Unit: 1651

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Title: METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF A SOIL
CONTAINING SOILBORNE PATHOGENS

October 24, 2001

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

In the matter of the above identified application, would the Office kindly enter the instant amendment in response to the Office Action of September 26, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Would the Office kindly cancel Claims 16 to 19 and kindly add the following new Claim 20 to the application.

Claim 20 (New)

The method of Claim 1 further including the step of measuring the pH of the soil, measuring the buffering capacity of said soil, and adding said nitrogen containing material and said pH reducing agent to said soil when said buffering capacity is below 2 uL H₂SO₄ g/soil.